

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Chair Evans, Supervisor La Violette, Supervisor Robinson, Supervisor Haefs, Supervisor Hopp
Also Present: Judge Zuidmulder, Tom Martin, Angela Steuck, Bonnie Phernetton, Supervisor Steffen, Dave Wiese, Alderman Mark Steuer, Alderman Tom Sladek, Fred Monique, Larry Collins, Jeremy Kral, Tim Schmitt and other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Evans at 6:02 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of July, 2013.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Comments from the Public:

125 W. Mission Rd., Allouez – Encouraged committee to support item #2 on the agenda – Communication from Supervisor Hopp

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evan – No report.

Presentation by Judge Zuidmulder – Drug Court

Handouts provided to the committee (attached). Judge Zuidmulder addressed the committee relative to progress in the Drug Court, asking for their continued support during budget time.

Zuidmulder explained that the Drug Court has been in operation for the last three years. Participants who are non-violent offenders and not considered long term are required to perform 40 hours of activities per week. They are given options for independent living and training, and health care is monitored,

Further discussion resulted in a consensus of the committee to continue County support.

Presentation by Family Services – Healthy Families

Tom Martin, President & CEO of Family Services.

Angela Steuck, Vice-President – Early Childhood & Community Based Youth Services.

Bonnie Phernetton, Healthy Families Program Manager.

Mr. Martin explained that Healthy Families is a nationally accredited intensive, comprehensive, and long term home visitation program which serves expecting or new first time parents who have significant risk factors for child abuse and/neglect.

Bonnie Phernetton and Angela Steuck informed the committee that as of mid-year 2013, 172 families have been serviced along with 188 children. Many of the children have witnessed or experienced domestic violence in their home, some have had either one or both parents on parole or in jail, some have either one or both caretakers with a current diagnosis or admitted history or current use of alcohol or drugs, and many of the families rely on public assistance to meet basic needs. The majority of enrolled children have had no substantiated abuse or neglect, many have at least one parent working or attending school, most are developmentally on track and those who are not receive developmental intervention services within two months after identification; most are up to date with well child check-ups and immunizations and 53% have a father living in the home. Family Services staff urged continue County support of this program (information attached).

Questions were asked as to how referrals are received, i.e. hospital, doctor, school, community agency, etc. and how families are accepted into the program.

1. **Review Minutes of:**

- a. **Community Options Program Planning Committee (July 22, 2013)**
- b. **Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County (August 22, 2013)**
- c. **Children With Disabilities Education Board (August 27, 2013)**
- d. **Human Services Board (June 13, July 11, August 8 and September 12, 2013)**
- e. **Northeast Wisconsin Family Care (August 7, 2013)**
- f. **Veterans Recognition Subcommittee (July 16, 2013).**

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to suspend the rules to take Items 1a-f. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve Items 1a-f. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Communications

2. **Communication from Supervisor Hopp re: Discussion, formulation and adoption of a resolution of Brown County PROHIBITING any Brown County Agency, Department, Staff Member or Independent Agency doing business on behalf of Brown County, for participating in any non-mandated, voluntary action, assisting the Federal Government, its agencies or representatives, with the implementation (aka “roll out”) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (P.L. 111 – 148), signed March 23, 2010 also referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This would include but is not limited to the sharing and or distribution of information either verbal, written and/or electronic; sharing and or distribution of written or electronic materials; sharing and or distribution of computer software or computer education.**

Furthermore, the USE of any equipment owned, controlled or operated by Brown County for non-mandated assistance in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, shall be prohibited. Furthermore, the USE, of any facilities owned, controlled or operated by Brown County, for non-mandated assistance in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, shall be prohibited as allowed by law, or billed at the rate of \$1,500 per hour plus maintenance costs. *Referred from August County Board.*

A handout was provided related to ACA (Affordable Care Act) (attached) with Supervisor Hopp opining that approval will protect taxpayers from paying for something they are not responsible for. The Executive Committee did not support the communication, although Supervisor Hopp requested that the matter be referred to staff for further study and the drafting of a resolution.

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp to refer to staff to work with him to draft a resolution prohibiting Brown County Agencies and Departments outside the oversight of the Human Services Committee from partaking in those Navigator functions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as defined in the ACA, P.L. 111-148 Section 1311 (i) (3) (A), (B), (C), (E); and return to the November Human Services Committee for action.

Supervisor Hopp asked that the committee read the navigator function of the ACA as it relates to his motion.

Supervisor Evans indicated that although he found the motion "convoluted", he would support it opining it would provide clarification to county government. Supervisor LaViolette on the other hand indicated she would never support the communication opining that is censorship. Supervisor Haefs stated he would like to know the cost before committing staff time to it and Supervisor Robinson pointed out that the Executive Committee has discussed the matter and denied support.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Evans

Ayes: 2 (Evans, Hopp)

Nays: 3 (LaViolette, Robinson, Haefs)

MOTION DENIED 3-2

3. **Communication from Supervisor Robinson re: County explores reviving the "Homeless Issues and Affordable Housing Subcommittee," and collaborates with the City of Green Bay and the HOPE Task Force. *Referred from the September County Board.***

Supervisor Robinson indicated that he has met with Alderman Steuer and members of the HOPE Task Force to discuss reviving the Homeless Issues & Affordable Housing Subcommittee in collaboration with both of these entities.

Green Bay Alderman Mark Steuer addressed the committee relative to this idea, indicating that the Task Force is not looking for money from the City or County, but instead plans to move forward with private donations. He stated that when researching the issue with other communities, it has been found that if working together progress is more likely to be made. He explained there are approximately 30 individuals from various provider agencies and businesses willing to work on this committee

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution to All Committees

4. **Resolution re: Reclassification of Positions Clerk/Typist II, Clerk II, Clerk II/Data Controller.**

As a result of a study by Human Resources, a recommendation is made that the Clerk/Typist II, Clerk II, and Clerk II/Data Control positions be placed in Pay Grade 6 of the Classification and Compensation Plan. This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund.

**Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED 4-1 Nay: Robinson**

5. **Resolution re: Reclassification of Positions Clerk/Typist I, Clerk I, Typist I.**

This resolution relates to a vacant Clerk/Typist I position in the Child Support Agency. After a study by the Human Resources Department of the requirements of this position they are recommending that the Clerk/Typist I, Clerk I, and Typist I positions be placed in Pay Grade 4 (pay range \$11.81 - \$24.06) of the Class & Comp Plan in order to be consistent with similar positions in the County.

**Motion made by Supervisor Hopp, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to approve.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED 4-1 Nay: Robinson**

Health Department

6. ***Motion at July meeting: To defer to the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce to be the conduit between the Brown County Human Services Committee and related business community to work on language to be inserted in the strengthening of Chapter 38 Public Nuisance Ordinance including the possibility of reducing verifiable complaints to 2, thus to be returned to the September Human Services Committee meeting.***

Fred Monique, Vice President of Economic Development at Advance and representative of the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce explained that at the July 24, 2013 meeting this item was addressed with several persons speaking about the complaints of odor at the Sanimax location. Although Sanimax has made some improvement, the problem overall has continued for several years. He indicated that Advance and the Chamber oppose the proposal to change the Public Nuisance Ordinance and issue a citation from three to two complaints, opining that such action would not support business growth and could hurt expansion. The conclusion of the July meeting was to refer to the Chamber to act as a conduit between this committee and the related business community to develop a solution.

At this time, Mr. Monique reported that after several discussions since July, neither Advance nor the Chamber have changed their thinking as it relates to changing the ordinance, however, have made some modifications.

Supervisor Steffen asked if contact had been made with the Village of Howard, the City of Green Bay, or people who have presented complaints. Mr. Monique indicated he had not; however, they fully complied with the direction given by the committee.

Supervisor Robinson expressed disappointment that the changed ordinance was not available for committee review and that Howard had not come forward, therefore, he had trouble making a decision at this meeting. Evans indicated that the changed ordinance has just become available and will be forwarded to committee members. Supervisor LaViolette pointed out that this is a County issue and Howard has been informed of that in the past.

Supervisor Haefs, although noting frustration on both sides. Pointed out that Sanimax has made a great effort to resolve their odor problem to which Supervisor Evans agreed.

Don Johnson, Sanimax

Mr. Johnson thanked the Chamber for their compromise, however, asked that the change to 4.3D "may" or "shall" remain as "may" assuming that Sanimax is subject to EPA or DNR regulations.

Rob Gollman – Public Health Sanitarian

Mr. Gollman indicated that staff had issues with the ordinance changes and the ability to be compliant. They have concerns there will be a lot of staff time required to meet the requirements which will take them away from their jobs, however, they are willing to do whatever is required.

Judy Friederichs – Health Department Director

Ms. Freiderichs explained that the current ordinance is being followed

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to defer to November Human Services Committee to allow for community comments. No Vote

Alderman Sladek, 12th District

Mr. Sladek represents the area involved in this issue, stating residents do not want to harm Sanimax or chase them out of town. they just want to be able to invite family over and not be chased inside. They want to be able to have windows open and hold birthday parties in their backyards.

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to amend the odor ordinance paragraph (4)(2)(a)(ii) that the Brown County Health Dept shall issue a citation for two verifiable complaints instead of three as previously. Vote taken.

Aye: Evans, Hopp, Haefs

Nay: Laviolette, Robinson

MOTION APPROVED 3-2

7. Resolution re: Reclassification of Position Health Department Health Aide.

There are currently 4.81 FTE Health Aide positions in the Health Department's Table of Organization. After a study by the HR Department, a recommendation is made that the Health

Aide position be placed in Pay Grade 6 (pay range \$13.15 - \$15.67) of the Brown County Class & Comp Plan. This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Budget Adjustment (13-70): Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.

This request represents payment to a contractor to administer the Regional Trauma Advisory Council grant for which the Health Department is fiscal agent.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Director's Report. No report.

Human Services Department

10. Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director, Jeremy Kral, distributed his report (attached), highlighting the following:

- Shortage of Psychiatric Capacity – Discussions have been held with private sector providers in the area and collaboration will continue with community partners on possible progress and new ideas to maximize resources. A portion of the funding not expended on the vacant APNP positions was recently moved to contracted services in order to continue to pursue psychiatrists on a contracted basis. This will temporarily help with the capacity issue, but is not a viable long-term strategy due to cost.
- Family Care Expansion - Momentum toward the possibility of Family Care in Northeast Wisconsin continues. The State budget bill directed the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to submit a report to the Joint Finance Committee providing further analysis of long term care reform by December 14th. The Human Services Department is making early preparations for the outcome that the report is received favorably and expansion is authorized. This event would set a course leading to Family Care in Brown County in 2015.
- Economic Support Unit – This unit is gearing up for increased business related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, often called Obama care. An increase in call volumes is expected due to eligibility changes associated with the law. The department will not be assisting applicants in applying for health insurance through the exchange, but an increase in requests for information and increase in applications for Medicaid are expected.
- CTC – Construction will begin on the redesign project with a goal of completion in 2014. The hospital has been reduced to a 16-bed facility which allows for billing of Medicaid services to patients. Plans have been made to utilize the contracted diversion facility for those who can safely be served there and Bellin Hospital has agreed to assist if there are needs during construction. After construction, the 15-bed Community Based Residential Facility will allow for additional service capacity and revenue generation.

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Tim Schmitt distributed his financial results to date through 7-31-2013 (attached). In summary Community Programs show a net deficit due to \$1.3 million of funds being transferred to projects including the EMR project and the CTC Hospital Conversion. The Community Treatment Center is reporting a deficit and continues to lag behind budget due to a lower hospital census and fewer clients paying privately in the nursing home.

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Statistical Reports.

- a. Monthly Inpatient Data – Community Treatment Center.
- b. Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center.
- c. Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.
- d. Monthly Contract Update.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.

Motion made by Supervisor LaViolette, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Request for New Vendor Contract.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hopp to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Resolution re: Northeast Wisconsin Long Term Care District County Board Resolution to Authorize NEW Family Care to Enter into a Contract with the Department of Health Services.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor LaViolette to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other

16. Audit of bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor LaViolette to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.

a. Discussion regarding setting the date for the Human Services Budget Meeting.

Motion made by Hopp, seconded by Robinson to set Wednesday, October 23rd at 6 p.m. for the budget meeting to be held at ASPIRO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Hopp, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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